

Torrance, California
January 22, 1946

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, January 22, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held January 8, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Torrance Junior Woman's Club, applying for permission to use the Civic Auditorium February 28, 1946 for the purpose of holding a fashion show, and advising that proceeds will be given to a local youth project.

Councilman Cucci moved that, inasmuch as the proceeds are going to a local youth project, the Torrance Junior Woman's Club be granted free use of the Civic Auditorium February 28, 1946. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the J. H. Pine Construction Company, advising that plans are contemplated for improving along Dominguez, Maricopa Street, Maricopa Place, Crenshaw Boulevard and Acacia Avenue with single residences, and requesting the installation of all the necessary public utility improvements to meet with the approval of the Federal Housing Administration.

Mr. Pine presented a map to Engineer Jain at this time and made a few statements in connection with the proposed improvement.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the City Attorney for report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Raymond V. Darby, Supervisor, Fourth District, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, calling attention to a serious flood condition at the intersection of Arlington Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard. It was stated that the writer understands this can be remedied by grading the gutters, and requested the Council to study the matter.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this matter be referred to the City Engineer for report at the earliest possible date. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 P.M., Mayor Tolson announced that the time had arrived for canvassing the returns of the Special Municipal Election held January 15, 1946, the election having been held to determine whether or not that certain municipal water district known as Municipal Water District No. 1 of the City of Torrance should incur a bonded debt of \$150,000.00 to pay the costs and expenses of the acquisition and construction of a water works system.

Clerk Bartlett presented copy of "Result of the Votes Cast" and read same, being: 107 votes for and 45 votes against the proposition, amounting to a total vote of 152.

Clerk Bartlett announced that two Absentee Ballots had been received, and opened same, being both "yes" votes (for the proposition), after which the Council proceeded to canvass the returns. Canvass of the election returns was declared to be in order.

RESOLUTION NO. 1759

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
STATING THE RESULT OF THE CANVASS
OF ELECTION RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL
ELECTION HELD IN MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE JANUARY 15, 1946.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1759 be adopted.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett then presented and read in full the following "Statement of the City Clerk", advising that it must be spread upon the minutes in full:

STATEMENT OF THE CITY CLERK

I, A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY AND DECLARE that the City Council of the City of Torrance, at a regular meeting duly held on January 22, 1946, has duly and regularly canvassed the returns of the special election held in Municipal Water District No. 1 of the City of Torrance on January 15, 1946, and has declared the result of said election.

That the bond proposition voted upon at said election is as follows:

"PROPOSITION: Shall that certain municipal water district known as Municipal Water District No. 1 of the City of Torrance, California, incur a bonded debt in the sum of \$150,000.00 to pay the costs and expenses of the acquisition and construction of water works, for supplying said district and the inhabitants thereof with water for domestic, agricultural, industrial or other purposes; said water works to consist of a water supply main extending along Pacific Coast Highway from the water main of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at Walnut Street and Pacific Coast Highway to approximately the westerly line of Lot 8, Meadow Park Tract, as shown on map recorded in Book 15, Page 60, Miscellaneous Records of Los Angeles County, California; the acquisition of an existing water distribution system (sometimes called the Quandt system) in said district, and the reconstruction of certain distribution lines thereof; the acquisition and construction of additional water distribution mains; and the acquisition and construction along the water distribution lines of fire hydrants, meters, and appurtenant work?"

All absent voter ballots issued having been received or returned and accounted for, the absent voter ballots have been duly canvassed and counted as required by law and the result of such count is hereinafter stated. That the total number of votes cast at said election (there being only one precinct established for said election) upon said proposition and the number of votes therein for and against said proposition are as follows:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Votes in Precinct	107	45	152
Absentee Votes	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Votes in District including Absentee Votes	<u>109</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>154</u>

That the votes of more than two-thirds of all of the voters voting at said election were cast in favor of the adoption of said bond proposition, and said bond proposition has been declared to be carried, and the City Council of the City of Torrance is authorized to issue bonds of said district therefor as provided by law.

I CERTIFY that the foregoing statement of result is a full, true, and correct statement of the facts of said canvass and of the results of said election, and that as soon as the result was declared, the aforesaid statement was duly entered by me, the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, on the records of said City Council.

ENTERED January 22, 1946.

(SEAL)

/s/ A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

Mayor Tolson moved that the City Clerk be ordered and directed to file with the County Assessor of Los Angeles County and with the State Board of Equalization of the State of California a statement of the creation of Municipal Water District No. 1 of the City of Torrance, together with a legal description of the boundaries of such District and a map or plat indicating such boundaries, all as provided by Section 3720 of the Political Code of the State of California. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Vincent Thomas, Assemblyman, California Legislature, advising that Assembly Bill 60 passed the Assembly January 17, 1946 appropriating \$90,000,000 to Cities and Counties for Postwar construction, and advising that the proposed allocation of this amount will show that the City of Torrance will receive \$88,572.00. A copy of Assembly Bill 60 was enclosed.

Engineer Jain advised that this subject has been discussed many times in committee, and that it is generally understood that the money can be expended for improvements such as roads and sewers which will benefit the general public.

A communication was read from Charles C. Schultz, 1304 Cota Avenue, requesting removal of an acacia tree on his property.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this request be referred to Fred Blake, Park Superintendent, for action. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, requesting use of the Municipal Park and the concession privileges for the fiscal year 1946-47 for holding the annual California Semi Pro Baseball Tournament.

A note was appended by Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent, Recreation Department, recommending that the request be granted.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the request of the American Legion be granted, upon recommendation of Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Robert W. Nuckles, advising that the lease on the building at 2415 Arlington Avenue expires February 1, 1946, and advising that he does not desire to renew said lease, due to other business plans he has for use of the building. He requested that the City vacate the building by March 1, 1946, and expressed appreciation for the many years of pleasant business relations with the City in connection with this matter.

Councilman Gilbert advised that this is the Arts and Crafts Building, and that there is a building available which can be moved onto the property known as the Fern Avenue Annex provided negotiations which have been opened for purchase of the land from the Los Angeles Board of Education result in acquisition by the City of the property for recreation purposes. He said Mr. Riley is endeavoring to work out a solution to the problem, and that, provided the City can acquire the Fern Avenue Annex, a solution is already at hand.

A communication was read from W. M. Edwards, President, Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, expressing appreciation for recent steps taken to improve the Hollywood Riviera section, and outlining certain improvements desired. Improvements suggested included repainting of names of streets, cutting grass and weeds from the roads and removal of cuttings, tree trimming and removal, attention to the park and parkways, street repairs, adequate street lighting and adequate police and fire protection.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this communication be referred to the City Engineer's Department for action where necessary. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Hollywood-Riviera Home Owners Association, signed by P. F. Rice, Chairman, Water Committee, stating that the home owners of the Hollywood Riviera section of the City of Torrance have become seriously concerned over their present and future position with respect to supplies of water, and asked the Council to consider the problem. It was requested that a survey similar to the recent survey made in the WALTERIA area be made for the Hollywood Riviera section to determine the most practicable measures which may be taken to provide adequate correction of the existing situation in regard to water needs.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to obtain an estimate of cost of a survey of the Hollywood Riviera section from the Engineering Firm of Taylor and Taylor.

At this point a lengthy discussion ensued during which various methods of furnishing water for the district were mentioned. Councilman Hitchcock said he wondered whether or not it was the intention of the writers of the letter that the survey should show feasibility of increasing the new water district to be constructed in WALTERIA to serve the Hollywood Riviera section. After establishing that, whatever the result of the survey is, no delay will be caused in the construction of the WALTERIA water system, Councilman Powell seconded Councilman Hitchcock's motion to authorize the City Engineer to obtain an estimate of cost of a survey of the Hollywood Riviera section from the Engineering firm of Taylor and Taylor, which motion was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, signed by Mr. J. G. Caldwell, Director, suggesting that a committee be created to hear complaints which might be made by Veterans who are rapidly returning to civilian life. It was stated that, in this manner, many misunderstandings between Veterans and various departments of the City might be avoided.

A short discussion ensued, the thought being expressed that it is the sincere desire of the Council to view all Veterans matters in a fair and just manner, but that, since there is a Civil Service Board created specifically to handle all matters pertaining to personnel, creation of another committee would probably cause confusion, as, Mayor Tolson commented, when there are so many committees functioning, they serve no good purpose, as it is difficult to keep them from "getting in each others way" and duplicating effort. However, he said, it might be helpful to have a committee made up of Department Heads and members of the City Council to hear all such complaints.

Councilman Powell moved that the Veterans Service Center be advised that it is the sincere desire and intention of the City Council to cooperate with the Veterans in every way possible, and to further assure the Veterans Service Center that the Council appreciates and welcomes the interest and cooperation of that organization in all matters pertaining to Veterans. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from M. L. Kossey, Jr., requesting refund on Business License No. 456 issued January 7, 1946.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the unused portion of Business License No. 456 be refunded. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization expressing appreciation for financial assistance given by the City in the staging of a Christmas party for WALTERIA children, and also expressing appreciation for furnishing transportation for children to attend the Moose Christmas Party at the Civic Auditorium.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, asking the Council to enact legislation to regulate the height at which airplanes must fly as a protection of WALTERIA residents, or that the Civil Aeronautics Code be enforced.

Mayor Tolson advised that all safety measures in connection with aviation are regulated by the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and suggested that the WALTERIA Civic Organization contact that department. He said the City could verify this, and advise the WALTERIA people.

A communication was read from Stone & Myers Mortuary, enclosing a report for ambulance service rendered the Torrance Police Department during 1945. According to the report, a total of 42 calls were made, 27 of which, it was said, were unpaid. Matter of record.

A discussion ensued at this point relative to emergency hospital service, Councilman Powell opening the discussion by stating that the hospital is apparently dissatisfied with the present arrangement, and mentioned that none of the checks forwarded by the City to the hospital for the past several months have been cashed.

Councilman Powell moved that Mayor Tolson be authorized to look into methods being used by other cities in connection with emergency hospital service, and that a meeting be arranged with the Torrance Hospital Board of Directors for discussion of the matter.

It was stated that it seems unfair for the taxpayers of the City to bear the entire burden of emergency hospital expense when the highest percentage of patients treated at the hospital under this plan are transients injured in traffic accidents.

Chief Stroh said that a neighboring city was confronted with this same problem, and solved it by working out an agreement with the County whereby the County pays a certain proportionate share of the hospital expense to take care of the transient patients. Chief Stroh pointed out that there is one outstanding fault of the present system being used, namely, that many of the cases which are on the hospital records as emergency cases under this plan are not on the police record. He said it did not seem logical for the city to summarily pay for these cases.

Various ways and means of settling this question were discussed, after which Councilman Hitchcock seconded Councilman Powell's motion, with the request that Chief Stroh be authorized to work with Mayor Tolson in this matter, and which Councilman Powell agreed to include in his motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Lee Parmelee, offering to install a system showing legal owners, and addresses where available, of the estimated 8500 parcels of land in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that, in accordance with a recommendation of Engineer Jain, an appropriation of \$635.00 be made for installation of a complete record of property owners' names and addresses and official records of all "Torrens Title" property in the City of Torrance and the payment of \$20.00 per month for the maintenance service of keeping these records up to date and \$5.00 per quarter for keeping "Torrens Title" records up to date, be authorized; work to be done by Lee Parmelee of Los Angeles. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Engineer Jain relative to the recent request of the Navy Material Redistribution Center for replacement of fire hydrants on Navy property. Engineer Jain advised that all the hydrants on the outside of the fences have been repaired with the exception of one which is in a position not accessible to fire equipment, and that there are thirteen hydrants, of the obsolete type, inside the fences on streets which are now blocked off by the fencing of the property.

It was the recommendation of Engineer Jain that any replacements or additional hydrants inside the Navy property fences, even though on non-vacated streets, be done by and at the expense of the Navy until such time as the boundary fences are removed to permit free passage of vehicles over these streets. He advised that this is in accordance with the present policy followed with other industrial plants in the City.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of Engineer Jain be accepted, and that the commanding officer at the Navy Material Redistribution Center be notified accordingly. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, advising that the Commission, at its regular meeting held January 15, 1946, received, considered and recommended the granting of approval of the following petitions for variance and conditional permit for Land Use Ordinance No. 316:

1. Case No. 27, Petition of K. P. Clausen to permit the use of the present building located on Lot 2, Tract No. 8198, as a tractor and implement repair shop, subject to the conditions that the building be made to comply with the building code for this type of building and in this certain fire district, and subject to the general restrictions for a C-2 Zone as listed in Section 9, Land Use Ordinance No. 316.

2. Case No. 29, Petition of the Pueblo Land Company, Incorporated, to permit the use of the corrugated iron building located on Lot 1, Tract 4958, as an aluminum and non-ferrous metal foundry, and to construct an addition thereto extending onto Lot 2, Tract 4956, such additions and buildings to be made to conform to the City Building Code.

It was recommended by the Planning Commission that the above Petitions for Variance and Conditional Permit be approved subject to the conditions set forth.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the action of the Planning Commission be concurred in and that the recommendations made be approved and accepted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1760

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEAL-
ING RESOLUTION NO. 1757.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1760 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1761

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING INTEN-
TION TO APPROVE CONTRACT PROVIDING
FOR PARTICIPATION IN STATE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1761 be adopted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from C. Z. Ward, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, advising that Bennett L. Dorsey who was trans-

ferred from the position of bus driver to the maintenance crew in the bus garage in the capacity of bus attendant as of January 5, 1946, during Mr. Treloar's leave of absence, has been re-transferred as of January 16, 1946, to his original position as bus driver due to the need for drivers because of the increased schedule effective January 20, 1946.

Mr. Ward requested that, since Mr. Dorsey has completed his six months of service, the usual increase in salary from \$185.00 to \$200.00 per month be authorized, effective January 16, 1946.

Mr. Ward further advised that the position of bus attendant, left vacant because of the transfer of Mr. Dorsey, has been filled by employee Nicholas J. Chaykowski, who was working as night watchman, his salary rate to be \$190.00 per month as bus attendant.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the above action of Mr. Ward be approved, and his recommendations accepted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that, in accordance with a recommendation of Chief Stroh, a boulevard stop sign be installed on the southwest side of 220th Street at Western Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that, due to the increase in work in the Police Court, Mr. Otto B. Willett be appointed as part time Deputy City Attorney, duties to include acting as prosecutor in the police court, at the prevailing rate of pay for Police Judge, effective January 23, 1946. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that J. J. Webb be appointed as Acting City Electrician, Acting Chief Electrical Inspector and Deputy Building Inspector, at a salary of \$245.00 per month. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that Jack Long be employed as Acting Assistant City Electrician and Deputy Building Inspector, effective January 16, 1946, at a salary of \$225.00 per month. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci reported that, according to Engineer Jain, both the above appointments are temporary until such time as a Civil Service Examination is held for same.

Councilman Cucci reported that, in connection with an order given Mr. Bartlett at the last meeting to secure figures on the tax value of all that land in the City of Torrance north of 203rd Street, to be used in determining the type of water system which can be installed for North Torrance, the Associated Assessment Engineers have not as yet obtained the figures, but expect to do so at an early date. Mr. Cucci proceeded to give certain statistics in connection with efforts which have been made to start formation of a water district in North Torrance, and urged the Council to diligently consider this grave need and give every assistance possible to further this project. He reiterated his previous contention that, if necessary to include General Petroleum property in order to provide an adequate water system for the North Torrance area, this should be done without hesitation. He called attention to the fact that, when the WALTERIA water system was being considered, the Council had overruled the protest of Dr. Ellinwood who asked to be

excluded from the district. He said the same procedure should be followed here, and added that, apparently, the rumor has been circulated that General Petroleum will take the matter to court before they allow their property to be included in the district, and thereby delay the whole matter over a period of years. He said he thought this was a purely erroneous conclusion, and one which there is no foundation for whatsoever. He said that, even though General Petroleum should take the matter to court, the formation and construction of the new water district could not be stopped thereby. He asked Attorney McCall to confirm this, and Attorney McCall replied that, if General Petroleum were successful in getting an injunction, the entire proceedings could be delayed.

Councilman Cucci said that some of the people in North Torrance, who have their own water wells, have been summoned into court in a case started by the California Water Service Company to adjudicate the water rights of the West Basin. He said this indicates how serious is the water question for North Torrance people.

Mr. Saul of North Torrance presented his summons to Engineer Jain and asked him to read aloud certain portions of it, which Mr. Jain did.

Engineer Jain explained that the suit referred to is a friendly suit to determine the water rights, and that the small individual users will not suffer through it.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$340.00 be appropriated for reconstruction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and pavement, removal for replacement on Cabrillo Avenue north of Carson Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$750.00 be made for corrugated metal pipe for replacement of storm drains at the intersection of Cabrillo Avenue and Carson Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the advertising for bids for a 105 c.f.m. air compressor mounted upon a two-wheel trailer and the accessory jackhammer and trench digging equipment be authorized. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$1875.00 plus tax, be made for decomposed granite for resurfacing Arlington Avenue in North Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the advertising for bids for the sale of the trailer-mounted electrical power unit which was purchased for Civilian Defense purposes be authorized. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$875.00 be made for road materials for resurfacing Santa Fe Avenue between Arlington Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$400.00 be made for road oil for penetrations coat on Arlington Avenue between 166th Street and 174th Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Upon recommendation of Engineer Jain that cost of the proposed sale of the electrical power unit apply to purchase price of the air compressor and jackhammer equipment, if agreeable to all parties concerned, Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motions relative to advertising for (1) purchase of the latter and (2) sale of the former, and moved that Engineer Jain be authorized to determine whether or not the power unit will be accepted as part payment for the compressor and jackhammer equipment; if not, the advertising for purchase of the air compressor and jackhammer, and advertising for sale of the power equipment, to proceed in the regular manner. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Engineer Jain inspect the grand stand at the Municipal Ball Park in order to make any necessary repairs and improvements before the baseball season starts. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$65.00, plus tax, be made for purchase and delivery of 50 tons decomposed granite to be used on the Pueblo playground. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$67.84 be made for grass seed for the Walteria Park. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$75.00, plus tax, be made for 400 feet 1½" water pipe. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Wilbur Taute be employed on an emergency basis, at the prevailing rate of pay for Park Maintenance Men, effective January 16, 1946, replacing D. J. Harris. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that Mr. Jain be authorized to have a door cut from the main hallway of the City Hall into the jury room, and that the necessary window be placed in the proper position, in order that this room may be used as an office for the City Attorney; and that a door be cut in the wall leading from the hall into the side entrance of the Engineering Department with the necessary partition to separate the Engineering Department from the Bus Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At the request of Attorney McCall, Mayor Tolson moved that the City Attorney be authorized to employ a full time secretary or stenographer for the legal department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The subject of North Torrance water arose again, with Councilman Cucci reading excerpts from the summons which Mr. Ed Saul of North Torrance had handed him. A discussion ensued during which the various phases of the water adjudication suit started by the California Water Service Company was touched upon, with no definite understanding being reached so far as purpose and intent of the suit is concerned. After much debate, it was suggested by Councilman Hitchcock that Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Department, be asked to meet with the interested persons, since Mr. Stanger has kept close contact with this matter and understands all phases of it.

Councilman Cucci suggested going a step further and requesting the attorney handling this suit to attend a meeting and explain to the north Torrance people exactly what the suit amounts to and what is involved so far as establishing rights to water in the West Basin is concerned. He said the people could be notified of a meeting on a certain date in order that they could attend and ask for answers to all the puzzling questions they have.

Mr. George Thatcher of WALTERIA asked that a survey be made of the sewage needs in the community of WALTERIA. Mayor Tolson said the Council could ask Mr. Barnett, Engineer, to estimate cost of a sewage system. No official action was taken.

Mr. Plomert of the Chamber of Commerce requested use of the Civic Auditorium on Monday evening, February 25, 1946 for the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci again brought up the subject of the water situation in North Torrance, and, after determining a suitable date for a meeting, moved that he be authorized to contact the attorney handling the water adjudication suit started by the California Water Service Company to adjudicate the water rights of the West Basin, and ask him to meet with the people of North Torrance on Wednesday, January 30, 1946, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:55 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, January 29, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE